Losses suffered by Indian Airlines due to strike of the pilots

23. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has suffered heavy losses because of strike of the pilots;

(b) if so, what is the amount of loss incurred to Indian Airlines because of the strikes of the pilots as on date and how Government propose to make up the same;

(c) how many aircraft have been taken on lease by the Indian Airlines from airlines abroad;

(d) what is the amount paid to foreign airlines for lease period and what is the amount earned through foreign airlines during the lease period;

(e) whether the services of IAF pilots were sought to fly Indian Airlines planes;

(f) if so, the number of IAF pilots whose services were lent and what are the terms and conditions therefor; and

(g) whether any agreement has been reached between Government and Pilots Association, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The cash loss suffered by Indian Airlines due to the strike by its pilots from 10th December, 1992 to 24th January, 1993 is estimated to be about Rs. 46.60 crores. In order to reduce the losses, Indian Airlines is attempting to achieve improvements in productivity and fleet utilisation apart from certain economy measures.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines had wetleased four TU-154 aircraft from M/s Uzbekistan Airways and three TU-154 from M/s Balkan Bulgarian Airlines at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 4.90 crores. The revenue earned from these aircraft during the period of their lease is estimated to be Rs. 12.00 crores.

(e) and (f) The services of seven IAF pilots were made available by the Ministry of Defence. However, they were not required to operate any flight of Indian Airlines, because there was a change in the situation in the meanwhile.

(g) The Indian Commercial Pilots Association withdrew their strike unconditionally on 24-1-1993.

Decline in tourism due to terrorism in Tarai region

24. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorism in the Tarai region of Uttar Pradesh has been a deterrent to tourist traffic, particularly in the Corbett Park in the State and many people associated with tourism in the area are facing unemployment and financial ruin;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Terrorism is generally a deterrent to tourist traffic in any region. However, the relevant statistical details in respect of Corbett National Park are not available.

(c) Both the development of tourism and the improvement of law and order are primarily the responsibility of the State Government.